



## **News Release**

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### **Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission Names Executive Director**

INDIANAPOLIS (December 3, 2007) -- Aleeah Livengood has been named Executive Director of the Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission.

Livengood, a native of Lafayette, Indiana received a Masters of Science degree in Special Education from Purdue University in 2006. Prior to joining the Native American Indian Affairs Commission, she was a project coordinator in the Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Department at Purdue, where she managed two National Science Foundation grants that centered on increasing Native American science expertise on reservation lands.

Livengood was also instrumental in helping secure scholarship funds from the Sloan Foundation to support Native American graduate students attending Purdue University. She is one of the original committee members of the Purdue-based Tecumseh Project which focuses on increasing Native American participation in graduate school programs by cultivating awareness through cultural understanding and actively recruiting Native American students.

The Commission, which was established by the Indiana General Assembly, advises state government officials on American Indian issues in the areas of employment, education, civil rights, health, and housing.

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